

**Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine**  
**An Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara**

**Fisheries Natura Declaration No. 2 of 2014 (Mussel Fishing)**

I, Simon Coveney, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by Regulation 9 of the European Union (Birds and Natural Habitats) (Sea-fisheries) Regulations 2013 (S.I. No. 290 of 2013), hereby issue the following declaration:

Citation

1. This Declaration may be cited as Fisheries Natura Declaration No. 2 of 2014 (Mussel Fishing).

Commencement

2. This Declaration comes into force on 17 August 2014.

Conditional fishing for mussels

3. Sea-fishing boats issued with an authorisation to fish for mussels (*mytilus edulis*) under section 13 of the Sea Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2006 (No. 8 of 2006) shall when fishing for mussels within an area enclosed by an imaginary line drawn from:

Latitude 52°59.3000' N, Longitude 005°59.4000' W through  
Latitude 52°59.3000' N, Longitude 005°55.3000' W through  
Latitude 52°56.5000' N, Longitude 005°55.3000' W through  
Latitude 52°56.5000' N, Longitude 005°59.4000' W to  
Latitude 52°59.3000' N, Longitude 005°59.4000' W.

have a fully functioning Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009<sup>1</sup> and make reports every 5 minutes on the VMS.

Prohibition on fishing for Mussels

4. A person, on board a vessel or otherwise, shall not use any method to fish, including hand gathering, or attempt to fish mussels (*mytilus edulis*) in the following geographical areas:

(a) the area landwards of an imaginary line drawn from

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<sup>1</sup> O.J. No. L 343, 22.12.2009, p.1

Latitude 54° 03.2203' N, Longitude 006° 11.6316' W through  
Latitude 54° 02.5400' N, Longitude 006° 08.5548' W through  
Latitude 54° 01.2829' N, Longitude 006° 06.6405' W through  
Latitude 53° 59.8504' N, Longitude 006° 05.4394' W through  
Latitude 53° 58.6226' N, Longitude 006° 08.2760' W to  
Latitude 53° 58.6735' N, Longitude 006° 09.6359' W,  
(referred to as "Greenore");

- (b) the area landwards of an imaginary line drawn from  
Latitude 53° 59.1145' N, Longitude 006° 13.1666' W to  
Latitude 53° 51.5976' N, Longitude 006° 14.2762' W,  
(referred to as "Dundalk Bay");
- (c) the area landwards of an imaginary line drawn from  
Latitude 53° 45.6289' N, Longitude 006° 14.8826' W through  
Latitude 53° 45.6279' N, Longitude 006° 14.1501' W through  
Latitude 53° 43.4565' N, Longitude 006° 14.0108' W through  
Latitude 53° 42.0536' N, Longitude 006° 14.0528' W to  
Latitude 53° 42.0625' N, Longitude 006° 14.6537' W,  
(referred to as "Bettystown");
- (d) the area landwards of an imaginary line drawn from  
Latitude 53° 41.2702' N, Longitude 006° 14.4078' W through  
Latitude 53° 41.2697' N, Longitude 006° 14.0430' W through  
Latitude 53° 40.6038' N, Longitude 006° 13.6216' W through  
Latitude 53° 39.0288' N, Longitude 006° 12.9521' W to  
Latitude 53° 38.9800' N, Longitude 006° 13.2597' W,  
(referred to as "Laytown");
- (e) the area landwards of an imaginary line drawn from  
Latitude 53° 31.0388' N, Longitude 006° 05.1397' W through  
Latitude 53° 29.3075' N, Longitude 006° 05.5713' W to  
Latitude 53° 29.3215' N, Longitude 006° 05.9311' W,  
(referred to as "Portrane");
- (f) the area enclosed by an imaginary line drawn from  
Latitude 53° 30.2971' N, Longitude 006° 02.1960' W through

Latitude 53° 30.2467' N, Longitude 005° 59.1660' W through  
Latitude 53° 28.6180' N, Longitude 005° 59.2444' W through  
Latitude 53° 28.6683' N, Longitude 006° 02.2699' W to  
the first mentioned point,  
(referred to as "Lambay Island");

(g) the area landwards of an imaginary line drawn from  
Latitude 53° 28.6871' N, Longitude 006° 06.9175' W through  
Latitude 53° 28.6093' N, Longitude 006° 06.8213' W through  
Latitude 53° 26.0631' N, Longitude 006° 07.2171' W to  
Latitude 53° 26.0235' N, Longitude 006° 07.4456' W,  
(referred to as "Malahide");

(h) Latitude 52°59.1600' N, Longitude 005°57.6960' W through  
Latitude 52°57.5160' N, Longitude 005°55.5960' W through  
Latitude 52°57.5160' N, Longitude 005°58.2660' W through  
Latitude 52°58.6260' N, Longitude 005°59.1360' W to  
Latitude 52°59.1600' N, Longitude 005°57.6960' W,  
(referred to as "Wicklow Reef");

(i) the area landwards of an imaginary line drawn from  
Latitude 52° 25.7875' N, Longitude 006° 19.6913' W through  
Latitude 52° 25.7598' N, Longitude 006° 17.7541' W through  
Latitude 52° 22.5637' N, Longitude 006° 17.8560' W through  
Latitude 52° 20.2674' N, Longitude 006° 19.7307' W to  
Latitude 52° 18.5878' N, Longitude 006° 23.2900' W,  
(referred to as "The Raven - Wexford Harbour");

(j) the area landwards of an imaginary line drawn from  
Latitude 52° 14.8488' N, Longitude 006° 19.8267' W through  
Latitude 52° 14.8288' N, Longitude 006° 14.0335' W through  
Latitude 52° 08.3102' N, Longitude 006° 18.6133' W through  
Latitude 52° 08.3136' N, Longitude 006° 26.3732' W to  
Latitude 52° 11.3012' N, Longitude 006° 30.4436' W,  
(referred to as "Carnsore");

(k) the area landwards of an imaginary line drawn from

Latitude 52° 03.6120' N, Longitude 006° 30.8130' W through  
Latitude 52° 03.6108' N, Longitude 006° 41.5698' W through  
Latitude 52° 10.0248' N, Longitude 006° 41.5574' W to  
Latitude 52° 10.2201' N, Longitude 006° 35.7564' W,  
(referred to as "Saltees");

- (l) the area enclosed by an imaginary line drawn from  
Latitude 52° 13.0591' N, Longitude 006° 43.0412' W through  
Latitude 52° 12.9394' N, Longitude 006° 43.3404' W through  
Latitude 52° 11.5348' N, Longitude 006° 43.8421' W through  
Latitude 52° 11.5451' N, Longitude 006° 44.8025' W through  
Latitude 52° 12.7458' N, Longitude 006° 44.4299' W to  
the first mentioned point,  
(referred to as "Keragh Islands");

- (m) the area landwards of an imaginary line drawn from  
Latitude 52° 12.2620' N, Longitude 006° 47.1391' W through  
Latitude 52° 02.8153' N, Longitude 006° 47.1151' W through  
Latitude 52° 02.8125' N, Longitude 007° 02.1112' W through  
Latitude 52° 08.3274' N, Longitude 006° 55.9632' W to  
Latitude 52° 08.9814' N, Longitude 006° 54.8012' W,  
(referred to as "Hook Head - Bannow");

- (n) the area north of an imaginary line drawn from  
Latitude 52° 11.4842' N, Longitude 006° 54.7664' W to  
Latitude 52° 10.7454' N, Longitude 006° 57.0207' W,  
(referred to as "Waterford Bay").

- (o) the area north of an imaginary line drawn from  
Latitude 52° 08.2464' N, Longitude 007° 06.1291' W to  
Latitude 52° 09.3558' N, Longitude 007° 07.3892' W,  
(referred to as "Tramore");

- (p) the area west of an imaginary line drawn from  
Latitude 52° 04.6817' N, Longitude 7° 33.1621' W through  
Latitude 52° 03.5548' N, Longitude 7° 31.1759' W through  
Latitude 52° 02.3687' N, Longitude 7° 31.1885' W to

Latitude 52° 01.9499' N, Longitude 7° 34.5821' W,  
(referred to as "Dungarvan Bay – Helvick Head");

(q) in Lough Swilly, the area south of an imaginary line drawn from  
Latitude 55° 09.3607' N, Longitude 007° 29.0561' W to  
Latitude 55° 08.4944' N, Longitude 007° 32.5148' W,  
(referred to as "Lough Swilly");

(r) the area north of an imaginary line drawn from  
Latitude 51° 56.4534' N, Longitude 007° 50.5514' W to  
Latitude 51° 56.4767' N, Longitude 007° 49.8264' W,  
(referred to as "Youghal Bay – Blackwater Estuary");

(s) the area west of an imaginary line drawn from  
Latitude 51° 55.3207' N, Longitude 007° 52.4487' W through  
Latitude 51° 55.3147' N, Longitude 007° 52.0585' W through  
Latitude 51° 54.3950' N, Longitude 007° 52.2603' W to  
Latitude 51° 53.6948' N, Longitude 007° 53.3713' W,  
(referred to as "Ballymacoda Bay");

(t) the area west of an imaginary line drawn from  
Latitude 51° 51.6234' N, Longitude 007° 59.8239' W through  
Latitude 51° 51.5425' N, Longitude 007° 59.7447' W through  
Latitude 51° 50.8198' N, Longitude 008° 00.4482' W through  
Latitude 51° 50.3390' N, Longitude 008° 00.7200' W to  
Latitude 51° 49.8627' N, Longitude 008° 00.7486' W,  
(referred to as "Ballycotton Bay").

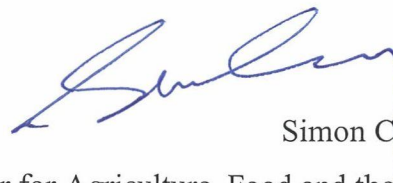
5. Nothing in this Natura Declaration affects the cultivation and harvesting of mussels in accordance with an aquaculture licence (within the meaning of the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997 (No. 23 of 1997)).
6. A person shall not have on board a vessel, in their possession, land, tranship, attempt to land or attempt to tranship, buy, handle, weigh, transport, process, store or sell mussels that have been caught in contravention of paragraph 4.

#### Revocations

7. Fisheries Natura Declaration No. 3 of 2013 (Mussel Fishing) is revoked.

GIVEN under my Official Seal,

8 August 2014



Simon Coveney,  
Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the declaration and does not purport to be a legal interpretation)*

This Declaration makes conditional and prohibits fishing for mussels in a number of areas around the Irish coast.

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